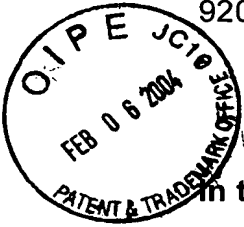


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In the application of : Mark Robert Gibson et al

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Filed : October 1, 1999

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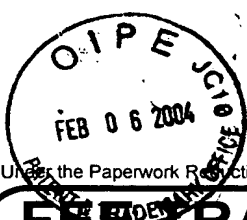
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	1812	2,520	1812	2,520		For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
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	1251	110	2251	55		Extension for reply within first month	
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